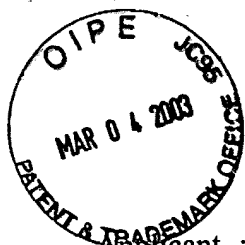


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In response to the action dated January 31, 2003, applicant provisionally elects species #2 drawn to heat shock resistance. This election should not preclude examination of the generic claims. See, 37 C.F.R. 1.146. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 13407-017005.

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